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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Curiouser and curiouser. The facts have changed but the answer still seems to be none of the above. I attach a cable which was sent (which we did not see) saying that while your speech was not an authoritative interagency statement it contained much valuable information and posts should draw on it. I suppose you could take umbrage at "authoritative," but why bother.

I gather your folks and State folks are working on some interagency message. I wish all of them well. We will help in any way we can.


Frank McNeil, Acting

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SUBJECT: GATES SPEECH ON SOVIET STRATEGIC DEFENSES

1. (C) - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. DEPUTY CIA DIRECTOR ROBERT GATES' SPEECH BEFORE THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (BAY AREA INTERNATIONAL FORUM), ENTITLED "THE SOVIETS AND SDI," WAS TRANSMITTED TO EUR POSTS 12/3 IN THE WIRELESS FILE (ITEM NUMBER EUR-313).

3. WHILE THE SPEECH SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE AN AUTHORITATIVE, INTERAGENCY-CLEARED STATEMENT ON THE US SDI PROGRAM OR USG VIEWS ON SOVIET COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABM TREATY, IT CONTAINS VALUABLE FACTS ON THE SOVIET STRATEGIC DEFENSE PROGRAM WHICH IN SOME CASES PROVIDE UPDATED OR NEW INFORMATION NOT FOUND IN THE PUBLICATION, "SOVIET STRATEGIC DEFENSE PROGRAMS."

4. POSTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DRAW FROM THE PORTIONS OF THE SPEECH DEALING WITH THE SOVIET STRATEGIC DEFENSE PROGRAM IN ANY EFFORTS TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ABOUT THAT PROGRAM.

WE EXPECT TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION AND A POINT PAPER ON SOVIET STRATEGIC DEFENSES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. PREVIOUS GUIDANCE ON THE U.S. SDI PROGRAM AND ON SOVIET COMPLIANCE REMAINS IN EFFECT. SHULTZ BT

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